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SUBJECT: SAUDI TALKS WITH THE BRITISH

1. PRINCE FAH' D' S ASSISTANT MALHAS BRIEFED US MARCH 8 ON FAH' D TALKS WITH BRITISH. BRIEFING WAS SUPERFICIAL AND CONTAINED NOTHING NEW TO ADDRESSEES. HE COVERED SAUDI- UAE RELATIONS, OMAN, AND YEMEN. ON YEMEN, HE CONFIRMED HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT BRITISH ARE STUDYING SAUDI REQUEST FOR MORE BRITISH ASSISTANCE TO YAR. HE WAS NON- COMMITTAL AS TO WHO WOULD PAY.

2. MALHAS POINTED OUT GOOD DEAL OF BRITISH INTEREST IS CONCENTRATED ON ECONOMIC/ COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF RELATIONSHIP THESE DAYS. FAH' D HAD BEEN PLEASED PM HEATH INSISTED ON HAVING FAH' D FOR SUNDAY LUNCH AT COUNTRY RESIDENCE. LUNCH FOR FAH' D ATTENDED BY TOP EXECUTIVES OF MANY BRITISH FIRMS JANUARY 30 ALSO PRESAGED BENEFICIAL RELATIONS TO COME.

3. ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, MALHAS MENTIONED AIR DEFENSE CONTRACT AND PRINCE SULTAN' S UNHAPPINESS WITH BAD JOB
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DONE BY BRITISH COMPANY. BAC WILL STEP IN AS REPLACEMENT.

4. MALHAS SAID FAH' D' S VISIT TO PARIS LAST WEEK WAS PERSONAL. HE DID NOT TALK TO ANY FRENCH OFFICIALS.

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